

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 - 33 (canceled).

34. (Previously presented) A process for preparing a sodium salt of pravastatin in a crystalline form, comprising the steps of:
 - (a) providing a solution containing pravastatin and sodium cations in a lower aliphatic alcohol;
 - (b) adding ethyl acetate to said solution; and,
 - (c) crystallizing sodium salt of pravastatin from said solution.
35. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 34 wherein said lower aliphatic alcohol is ethanol.
36. (New) A process for preparing a sodium salt of pravastatin in a crystalline form, consisting essentially of:
 - (a) providing a solution containing pravastatin and sodium cations in a lower aliphatic alcohol;
 - (b) adding ethyl acetate to said solution; and,
 - (c) crystallizing sodium salt of pravastatin from said solution.
37. (New) The process according to claim 34 wherein said lower aliphatic alcohol is ethanol.
38. (New) A sodium salt of pravastatin in a crystalline form made by the process of claim 34.
39. (New) A sodium salt of pravastatin in a crystalline form made by the process of claim 35.

40. (New) A sodium salt of pravastatin in a crystalline form made by the process of claim 36.
41. (New) A sodium salt of pravastatin in a crystalline form made by the process of claim 37.